GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1089
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RESERVATION POLICY
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the year in which the provision of reservation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes was made in the country alongwith the percentage of the population of this category in the total population of the country at that time;

(b) whether the Government proposes to amend the reservation rules for this category by formulating a new reservation policy taking the 2001 Census as the base year;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard;

(e) whether the Union Government also proposes to rationalize the system of reservations for SCs, STs and OBCs with a view not to going beyond 50 per cent ceiling; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a): Reservation for the Scheduled Castes was introduced in 1947 and for the Scheduled Tribes in 1950. As per 1951 Census, the percentage of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the total population of the country was 15.05 and 6.31 respectively.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.

(e) & (f): A rationalized system of reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs not exceeding 50% is already in existence.